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1. PARA 5 OF REF A STATES WASHINGTON INTEREST IN THE STATUS AND TIMETABLE FOR UNIFORM EC STANDARDS OF FILL FOR WINE AND OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY TULLY OF THE EC COMMISSION'S US DESK THAT THE COUNCIL DIRECTIVES OF DEC. 19, 1974, TRANSMITTED UNDER COVER OF REF B, STILL HOLD. THESE DIRECTIVES SET STANDARDS FOR BOTH ALCOHOLIC AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

2. ART. 7 OF DIRECTIVE 75/106 REQUIRES MEMBER STATES TO IMPLEMENT THE DIRECTIVE WITHIN 18 MONTHS, I.E. BY JUNE 19, 1976; BUT BELGIUM, IRELAND, THE NETHERLANDS, AND THE UK WERE GIVEN A DEROGATION TO DECEMBER 31, 1979.

3. AN ANNEX TO DIRECTIVE 75/106 LISTS IN TWO COLUMNS (A) THE BOTTLE SIZES THAT MUST BE PERMANENENTLY ACCEPTED, AND (B) BLTTLE SIZES THAT WILL BE PROVISIONALLY PERMITTED, TIL DEC. 31, 1980, IN RESPECT OF COUNTRIES WHICH PERMITTED FREE CIRCULATION OF THESE BOTTLES ON DEC. 31, 1971. (IN ONE CATEGORY, WATERS--CXT22.01-- THE PROVISIONALLY PERMITTED SIZES MAY BE USED UNTIL UNCLASSIFIED

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DEC. 31, 1988.)

4. THE PERMANENTLY ACCEPTED BOTTLE SIZES FOR WINE
ARE 0.10, 0.25, 0.35, 0.375, 0.50, 0.70, 0.75, 1.00, 1.50,
2.00, AND 5 LITERS. PROVISIONALLY PERMITTED WINE
BOTTLE SIZES ARE 0.20, 0.36, 0.475, 0.60, 0.68, 0.72,
0.95, 1.75, AND 1.88 LITERS. MORRIS

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